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SUBJECT: FRENCH DIFFICULTIES WITH ADOPTION OF NEW FRG
ANTI-TERRORISM LAW IN BERLIN

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR RUNDOWN IN REFTEL ON STATUS
OF DISCUSSIONS ON ANTI-TERRORISM LAW. THE FRENCH
BONN GROUP REP HAS REQUESTED AN URGENT TRIPARTITE
MEETING HERE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND MEETING PROBABLY WILL
BE HELD TUESDAY (AUGUST 24). EMBASSY WILL REITERATE
POSITION YOU AND BRITISH HAVE BEEN TAKING.

2. THE NOISES FRBER IS MAKING HAVE ECHOES OF THE
SAUVAGNARGUES-GENSCHER ALTERCATION OVER HANDLING OF THE
LORENZ CASE, AND WE DOUBT THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSY WILL
SHOW MUCH MORE FLEXIBILITY THAN HAS FRBER. HOPEFULLY
DISCUSSION HERE WILL AT LEAST PROVIDE A BASIS FOR
HAVING MATTER RECONSIDERED ON AN URGENT BASIS IN PARIS.
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3. THE COMBINATION BK/O - BK/L PACKAGE DESCRIBED IN PARA FIVE, REFTEL, MAKES SENSE TO US. IT MIGHT EXPEDITE MATTERS IF WE WERE TO TABLE HERE A DRAFT BK/L OF THE SORT THE FRENCH WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DRAFTING IN BERLIN. WE UNDERSTAND WHY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AWKWARD FOR YOU TO TAKE THE DRAFTING BALL OUT OF THE FRENCH COURT, BUT WE NEED FEEL NO SUCH INHIBITIONS HERE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE USBER'S CABLING US A DRAFT BK/L ON URGENT BASIS.

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